

Janitor "Hasn't Missed" Money To Build Church

By Tim Nicholas

James Williams, custodian for Union Baptist Church in Clarke County, bought himself a church. Actually he bought one for Baptists in Ecuador.

The almost 69-year old retired farmer and part-time janitor heard that enough materials could be bought for about \$1,000 that would pay for the building of a church in Ecuador.

Williams had heard a testimony by Edward McKeithen who had been to Ecuador to build a sawmill. McKeithen showed pictures and told of conditions in that South American country. "It was almost like the Macedonian call to me," said Williams of his feelings when McKeithen explained about the cost of building a church in Ecuador.

But Williams did nothing about his urge for a full year. "The Devil said when you get my age, you aren't supposed to do anything but get ready to die," said Williams.

Finally, this past January, after getting support from his wife Ruby, and pastor James Pugh, Williams began setting aside the \$100 he earns each month as janitor of Union church. "I kept the check in my pocket for a month," said Williams who asked the church to stop paying him and begin a mission fund with his checks.

This month a group of Baptists from



Williams

Clarke County has gone to Quito, Ecuador to help in building projects under the leadership of missionary James Gilbert. The group took a check from Union church for \$1,000 to buy materials to build a church that Gilbert says is needed.

The money was given in the name of Union Baptist Church by James Williams, who says he hasn't missed the money.

"If the Lord asks you to do something and you get yielded to it, he'll take over," said Williams.

Tablet Found

Marked "Postage Due"

JERUSALEM (RNS) — A rare clay tablet covered on both sides with cuneiform Akkadian script — dated between 1240 and 1230 B.C. — has been found at the Biblical town of Aphek, near the sources of the Na'mein River in the Samaritan foothills northeast of Tel Aviv.

The discovery was made recently at the end of the seventh excavation season directed by Prof. Moshe Kochavi of Tel Aviv University's Institute of Archaeology, assisted by American college students.

The tablet is a 41-line letter from a person called Kukhina of Ugarit, a famous city in northwestern Syria, to Hayya, the Egyptian ruler of Canaan, who resided at Aphek.

The Ugarite asked the Egyptian governor to see to the restoration of 250 measures of wheat that had been "taken unlawfully" by one of Hayya's subjects.

The Egyptians ruled Aphek for 40 years, before they were replaced by the Philistines. According to I Samuel 4:1-11, the Philistines defeated the Israelites in battle at Aphek and captured the Ark of Yahweh Sabaoth, the Ark of the Covenant.

Church Consultant Favors Multi-Purpose Buildings

By Anne McWilliams

"I have found that it costs twice as much to build the conventional type church sanctuary as it does to build a multi-purpose church building," Dennis Conniff said. Conniff is director of the Church Architecture Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He continued, "This is partly because of the height and the ornate decoration of the conventional type. And this type auditorium is in use not more than two or three hours a week."

With building costs continually soaring higher and higher, churches will find it more difficult to find the money to build, he said. He pointed out that many congregations feel they will be better stewards of the Lord's money if they build one multi-purpose building than if they build a whole series of expensive buildings.

First Church, Natchez is building a multi-purpose building.

Conniff recently made a trip to Houston, Tex. to study and film the designs of the 20 churches in that area that have multi-purpose buildings.

Prayer Urged For Summit On Mid-East

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy R. Allen declared in a telegram to U.S. President Jimmy Carter that he will urge 13 million Southern Baptists across the country to respond to the joint call for prayer made by Carter and Middle East leaders at Camp David, Md.

Carter and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin made the call to prayer for peace in the Middle East at the outset of their negotiations in Camp David. Carter proclaimed Oct. 7, 1978, as a National Day of Prayer.

Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, sent a telegram to executive directors of state Baptist conventions urging them to ask churches to begin praying for peace and justice in the Middle East, Sunday, Sept. 10.

But he said intercessory prayer for

At the Clay Road Church in Houston he found a building that is combination gym, basketball court with portable goal posts, fellowship hall, and worship area. Cushioned chairs fit together to give the appearance of pews; the stage area is attractive, and the acoustics are excellent, he said.

Gaylon Wiley, pastor of the Clay Road Church, told Conniff: "There were several reasons for our building

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August Makes Third Record '78 CP Month

"This has been the finest year ever for Mississippi Baptists from a monetary standpoint. I pray that it has and

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Changing Communities Awareness Meet Planned

Jere Allen, a native of Greenwood and director of the Special Missions Department of the Alabama Baptist

Convention, will be a leader during the up coming "Churches in Changing Communities Awareness Conference," set for Sept. 19-20 in Gulfport.

The conference, sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is designed for staff and leadership of churches in transitional communities — communities undergoing all types of change, including economic and racial.

It takes place at Pass Road Baptist Church, 208 Pass Road, in Gulfport, beginning at 3:30 p.m., Sept. 19, concluding at 11:45 a.m., the next day.

Allen will lead sessions on the life cycle of the church, and on what to do about the changes a community undergoes.

Pastors of several churches in communities that have already witnessed changes will make reports about how their churches handled the situations.

Frank Harmon, pastor of Magnolia Street Baptist Church in Laurel, Don Aderhold, pastor of Columbia Drive Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., and Cliff Shipp, pastor of Southside Baptist

at Camp Garayawa. She will give information on Baptist Women Year in the Church.

Mrs. Nell Bowen, author of the book, *The Seeking Woman*, will teach her book during the retreat, which will carry out the theme, "The Seeking Woman."

Missionary speakers will be Mrs. Lois Henderson, Philippines, and Mrs. Gloria Thurman, Bangladesh.

Miss Bonham, a native of Texas, graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor

and Southwestern Seminary and has done further study at Scarritt College and University of Alabama in Birmingham.

From 1964 to 1970 she was editor of Adventure and Storytime at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Since 1970 she has been employed by Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, in Birmingham, Ala., and since 1974 has been editor of adult products, WMU, SBC. This summer she became editor of Royal Service.

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The retreat is sponsored by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Ethel McKeithen, consultant, says, "Bring your Bible, sheets, pillow case, towels, and toilet articles."

She urges women 30 and above to attend and especially the 65-plus women, since their retreat in May had to be cancelled. Special conferences will be included in the retreat for them.

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Mail registration to: Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Convention Is Only Two Months Away

The 1978 Mississippi Baptist Convention is set for Nov. 13-15 in Jackson.

Messengers from the nearly 2,000 participating Baptist churches in the state will meet to vote on a \$10 million 1979 budget and other business matters, discuss issues of church and state relationships and hear inspirational messages from their state and national leaders.

A featured speaker this year will be Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Tex.

Also delivering major addresses will be Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, with the annual sermon and Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, with the president's address.

A panel discussion of the issues concerning relationships between church and state will be led by Clark Hensley, director of the Mississippi Christian Action Commission and John Baker, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Clint Nichols, music professor at New Orleans Seminary, will

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Mississippi College Gift

\$5 Million In Property, Cash Go To School Of Law

Officials of United Gas Pipe Line Company and the Mississippi College School of Law announced plans Wednesday for the donation of the United Gas Building in downtown Jackson to the College as a permanent home for the Law School.

In making the announcement, J. Hugh Roff, Jr., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of United Gas and its parent company, United Energy Resources, Inc., stated, "Mis-

sissippi College and United Gas have a common history of service to Mississippi and the Gulf South. Because of this history of service and the responsibilities of corporate citizenship, we at United are particularly pleased to be able to donate our Jackson office building to the Mississippi College School of Law."

Lewis Nobles, President of Mississippi College, said that the building was an ideal location for a law school.

"The United Gas Pipe Line Building is situated near the heart of state and municipal government," Nobles said.

"It is within a few blocks of the Mississippi Capitol complex, including the Supreme Court, the State Law Library, and the Federal and municipal courts."

"The donation of this building is a positive step toward the accreditation of the Mississippi College School of Law by the American Bar Association,

and will further our commitment to offer a quality legal education in the heart of Mississippi's most rapidly growing area," he said.

The five-story building, with an estimated replacement value of \$4.5 million, is easily adaptable to the requirements of a law school, Nobles said. The building, located on 1.7 acres at 151 East Griffith St., currently houses United Gas personnel and other tenants, who will relocate elsewhere in Jackson.

"United Gas will continue its operations in Jackson and in Mississippi," Chairman Roff said, pointing out that the company has served the state since 1931.

In his remarks, Roff stated that United Gas was convinced that the Mississippi College School of Law has and will continue to have the support of the community. "We make this gift to Mississippi College in the spirit of friendship," he said. "We are confident that, with the continued support of the community, this building will be wisely used to train new generations of law students for leadership in Mississippi and the nation."

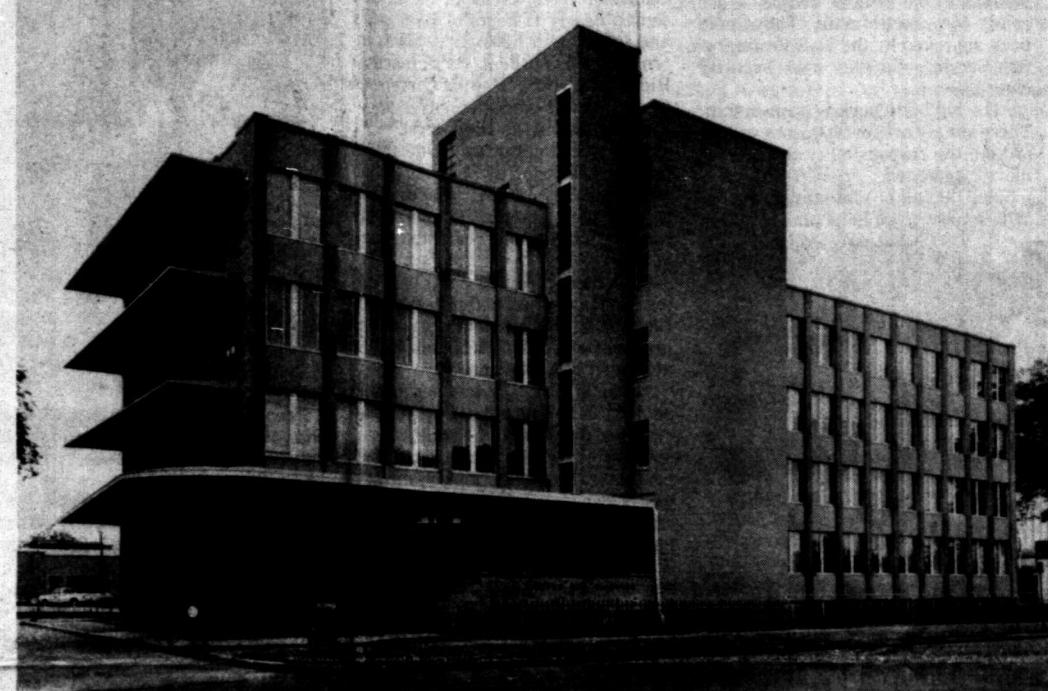
It was also announced Wednesday that business leaders Robert M. Hearin and Leon Hess have personally pledged \$500,000 for the specific purpose of supplementing the law program by the addition of faculty.

E. A. Turnage, acting Dean of the Mississippi College School of Law, said "We at the law school are extremely pleased with this development. A major obstacle to receiving American Bar Association accreditation was the lack of a permanent building for the school. This problem has been overcome with the gift of the United Gas building, coupled with significant sums of money raised and pledged for the Law School."

"These gifts, including the personal pledges of Mr. Hearin and Mr. Hess, underscore the resolve of Mississippi College and its many supporters throughout the State of Mississippi to build a quality Law School that will rank among the very best in the Southeastern United States."

"Since Mississippi College acquired the Jackson School of Law in 1975," said Nobles, "there have been questions as to whether a small Baptist College could make such an operation a

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Future home of Mississippi College School of Law.

Royal Service Editor Will Speak At Baptist Women Retreat At Garaywa



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Nicaragua Mission Work Is "Serious"

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — The situation in Nicaragua is "extremely serious" but Southern Baptist missionaries are hoping to remain in the country a telephone report indicated September 12.

Missionary Stanley D. Stamps, a Mississippian, said: "We have faith that things are going to stabilize, but we have no assurance (from the external situation). This is more our hope than anything else," he added.

During the conversation with Charles W. Bryan, the Board's Area Secretary for Middle America, the missionaries were advised to use their own discretion in evaluating the political situation in the politically tense country.

"The Foreign Mission Board will support the decision of each missionary family," said Bryan. He told the three missionary couples stationed there to "use your own judgment in

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present vocal praise at each session of the convention.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention officially begins at 7:45 p.m., Nov. 13, with a call to order and report of the committee on constitution and bylaws. This session should last ten minutes.

The session will take place at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson during the annual state Brotherhood Rally which meets there.

Sponsors For Refugees Now Make Life And Death Difference

By Dan Martin

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — Sponsorship of Indochina refugees has become a "life or death matter" participants in Home Missions Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center were told.

Mike Myers, a consultant with Church World Service, a refugee resettlement agency, said: "Lack of sponsors is costing lives. People are dying because there is no one in the United States to sponsor them for resettlement. Churches have a responsibility, and by responding they can actually save lives."

Myers, son of Foreign Mission Board staff member, Lewis I. Myers Jr., and the grandson of Lewis Myers of Cleveland, Miss., a director of the Home Mission Board, recently returned to the United States after a year in Malaysia working with refugee resettlement.

The 23-year-old college student who grew up in Vietnam, where his father was a missionary, said the danger is not that people are being murdered or starving in the 35 camps which house 125,000 refugees.

The Problem

"The problem is that as the population of the camps grow, the governments are reluctant to let anymore refugees in," he said. "Currently, there are 6,000 to 7,000 refugees escaping from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos each month. Many of them are turned away and sent back to sea."

Myers told of one refugee he met who had escaped from Vietnam on a boat loaded with 35 other persons. They were turned away by Malaysia officials, as are as many as 50 percent of the "boat cases."



20 Years At Harrisburg

Robert L. Hamblin, right, observed his 20th anniversary Sept. 3 as pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo. Without Hamblin's being aware of it, Earl Kelly, left, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was asked to appear on the platform about five minutes after the beginning of the 11 o'clock worship service to pay tribute to the ministry that has been Hamblin's during the 20 years. Kelly said it is the long pastorates that build strong churches. Hamblin is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Pope John Paul I:

What Does His Election Mean To Baptists?

By C. Brownlow Hastings

ATLANTA (BP) — "Information in the Vatican is the world's worst kept secret. Everything is secret, but everything leaks." So goes the saying among the Vatican press corps in Rome.

In selecting Pope John Paul I on the fourth ballot of the first day's voting for a successor to Pope Paul VI the cardinals seemed to set out deliberately to prove that adage wrong. At the same time, they confirmed another even more ancient one: "He who goes in a Pope (in the minds of predictors) comes out a cardinal (not elected)."

No one had predicted that the cardinals would select Albino Luciani, patriarch of Venice. But they did so, speedily. They evidently used the nine working days since the funeral of Pope Paul VI very effectively. They had resolved the supposed great divisions in informal meetings and were ready to vote. They were determined to demonstrate their solidarity.

Who is this Pope whose first claim to distinction is that he has chosen a double name—John Paul? How much significance can we place upon the choice of the name?

Albino Luciani

Hardly anything is known of Albino Luciani beyond the brief 330 words written in "The Inner Elite," a book of biographical sketches of all the cardinals edited by Gary MacEoin for the Committee for the Responsible Election of the Pope, made largely of progressive theologians. This 1978 publication sought to give to all, and especially the cardinals, information and evaluation of each one to make their choice more intelligible (and rather obviously, more liberal).

MacEoin missed in his predictions as badly as everyone else. But at least he gave us a few clues.

Albino Luciani is from a family of the working class in northeastern Italy, one of the most conservative Catholic regions of the country. He is reputed to have a genuine pastoral

"The government was tired of the flow of refugees and the number of persons in the camps in Malaysia. They refused admittance. The people were just pushed away from shore," he said. "The refugees anchored off shore, but during the night a storm blew up. All but six of the people on board drowned."

Myers said if churches and other groups would increase sponsorship of the refugees, camp population could be reduced and the flow of refugees could be accommodated by the governments of Southeast Asia.

"Seek Freedom"

The vast majority of the refugees are fleeing their homelands "to seek freedom," Myers explained. Many face persecution, lack of livelihood, the danger of being sent to "re-education camps" or to new economic zones.

"Those who leave on the boats have a strong motivation to flee," he said. "Many of them are very frustrated because they think they will be resettled immediately after they flee. Then after many of them have planned their escape for more than a year, they find they have to wait for months in the camps for sponsors."

Myers said some 8,000 persons in Malaysia alone — which has 15,000 persons in the refugee camps — are ready for resettlement. They have been approved by the U.S. Immigration Service and they have security clearances.

"The big bottleneck is sponsorship. There simply are few sponsors willing to take the responsibility to care for them," he added.

Since the fall of Vietnam in April of 1975, some 175,000 Indochina refugees

have been resettled in the United States. Of those, Southern Baptists have sponsored approximately 5,000.

Sponsor's Responsibility

Irvin Dawson, associate director of the department of language missions at the Home Mission Board, is coordinator of the refugee resettlement efforts for the SBC. He said, "The primary responsibility of sponsor is to assist refugees until they are able to make it on their own."

"Sponsors should be willing to pro-

vide housing, some groceries, assistance of enrolling children in school, and helping the heads of the families get a job. Basically, it is just a matter of loving people, and helping them."

Churches, individuals or groups who wish to sponsor refugees may contact Dawson at 1350 Spring St., NW, Atlanta, Ga., 30309, or may telephone him at 404-873-4041.

"Please telephone," Myers said. "We can't wait for a letter. Each day we wait means more lives are lost."

Wind Erases Building Effort

INDIANA, Penn. (BP) — Fifty-one men, women and young people from Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., worked a combined 1,000 hours in July to build a church in Indiana, Penn.

Hours after they returned home, they learned a tornado had flattened the building.

"We were all heartbroken," said Winford L. Hendrix, pastor of the Brainerd church. "Although we were all distraught, we were convinced that God had a greater purpose in the efforts we had exerted."

Brainerd members pledged to rebuild again and in late August, some members of the first mission team started the 700 mile trek back to Indiana, a small town 50 miles east of Pittsburgh.

John Stair, pastor of the Indiana Southern Baptist Church that suffered approximately \$40,000 damage, said the construction had given Baptist work good exposure, and "now that the team is back up there rebuilding, our witness is even more profound."

World Hunger Convocation Set Nov. 20-21

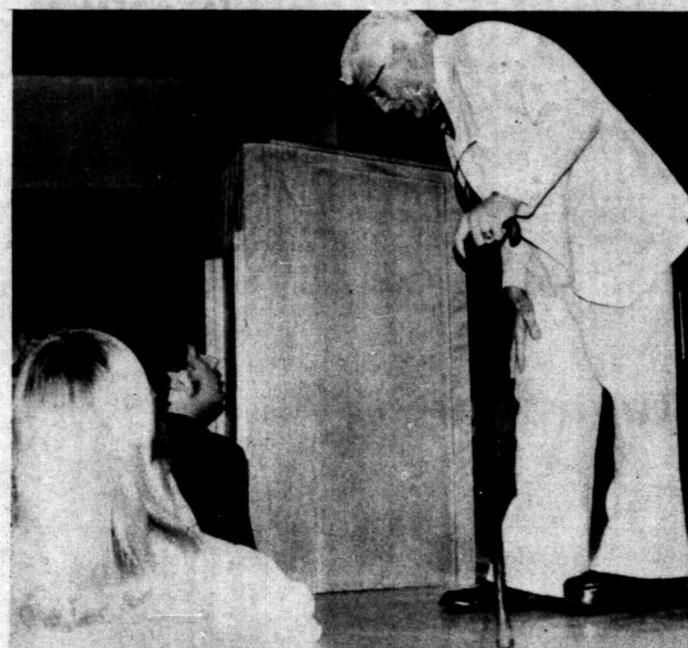
RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen, Bread for the World director Art Simon and Southern Baptist theologian Francis DuBose will deliver major addresses during the Convocation on World Hunger, Nov. 20-21, at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, near Asheville, N.C.

The convocation, a first for the SBC, will seek to raise awareness about world hunger and identify practical ways for churches and other Baptist bodies to tackle the problem. The two-day meeting will also provide information on hunger-related activities of various Southern Baptist agencies.

Allen, who initiated a special hunger emphasis at the 1978 Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, will conclude the convocation with an address on "The Challenge for Southern Baptists Today." Simon will discuss the role of government in the fight against hunger, and DuBose, professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, will present biblical and theological bases for the right to food concept.

Other speakers include James Grant, president of the Overseas Development Council, who will analyze current hunger conditions; Ron Sider, author of "Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger," who will share ideas about the implementation of the right to food concept; and Midge Meinhertz, assistant for development for the Church World Service, who will discuss the role of the private voluntary organization in the fight against hunger.

Convocation coordinator W. David Sapp of the SBC Christian Life Commission said interested Baptists may attend by sending a \$25 deposit (\$15 for students) to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770. Total cost, he said, will range from \$47 to \$58, depending on accommodations, for meals, two nights lodging and registration fee.



Religious lecturer-counselor Chester Swor, Jackson, Miss., celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first visit to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center during Student Week here this summer. Swor, 71, has been lecturing to college students for 35 years.

place heavy emphasis on dress.

"If there's nothing morally wrong with what they're doing, such as the way they're dressing or the length of their hair, I just don't bother with it," he commented. "If the student is really decent in heart, I think that what he wears is incidental."

Swor said that in the years he has traveled to college campuses, students have changed, but the changes have been gradual, except for the unsettled years of the late 1950's.

Continual contact with students makes the changes appear gradual to him as opposed to someone who has been away from the college campus for several years.

In building relationships with college students, Swor said he does not

world, I wish to help students establish a complete relationship with God," he emphasized, "so they will let him invade every aspect of their lives with a transforming power."

In one of his messages to the students, Swor asserted that there are "millions of people in America who are non-practicing Christians. We should be willing to carry Christ's cross every day, no matter what the cost."

"If he is Lord of our daily lives," Swor added, "it does things not only to us but through us. We should be willing to make him Lord of our lives every day."

"More than anything else in the

Journey of Faith—Part Two:

From Prison to New Work

By Ruth Fowler

KISUMU, Kenya (BP) — Sam and Ginny Cannata called his prison stay in Ethiopia last year a journey of faith. Since then, they have moved to a new country, a new ministry and a new view of their role as missionaries.

And their journey of faith continues—leading them to work with four church-related medical clinics near Kisumu, Kenya, and to a new emphasis on discipleship training.

Cannata, a Southern Baptist missionary physician for 21 years, nine in Ethiopia, spent 16 days in prison during an investigation of possible violation of a firearms technicality. He was released without charges being filed.

His home was searched and he and his family were taken by force to another city before his imprisonment. About two months later political turmoil caused the Cannatas and other Southern Baptist missionaries to leave Ethiopia.

Even before their departure the Cannatas began praying about the possibility of serving in Kenya. A doctor was needed for rural clinics and they wanted to go to Kenya. But they

had to return to the United States to enroll their son in college and write a book ("Trust on Trial," Broadman Press) about their Ethiopian experience.

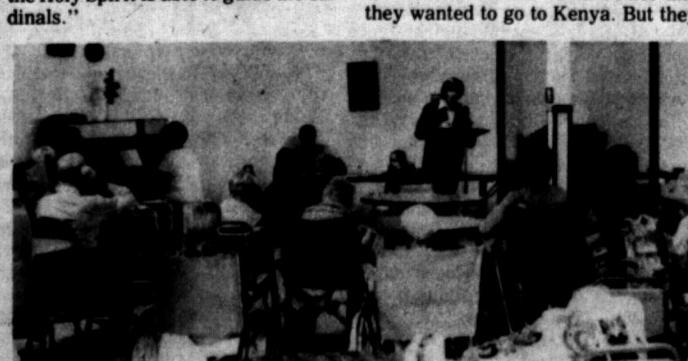
While they were in the States, the Cannatas had a chance to look closely at their ministry in Ethiopia. "Many times it takes getting away from a situation to really see it," Mrs. Cannata, a Mississippian, says. "We knew as God began to speak to our hearts and show us the heart of our work in Ethiopia that we would never be the same missionaries as before."

The Cannatas began to see that the most lasting results of their Ethiopia work had been the changed lives of the local people with whom they had worked most closely, the ones they taught in their home. Their idea of mission work began to change to an emphasis on discipleship training, an intensive study of Christ and the Bible with a few individuals.

Their ministry, their whole idea of service, began to revolve around discipleship. Cannata now works in four clinics and leads Bible studies in each place. According to Mrs. Cannata they plan to spend at least one night in each place instead of "just visiting them and hurrying on our way."

Letters from some of the people they left behind in Ethiopia support the Cannatas' new convictions about the importance of discipleship training. The people there who are growing and continuing the work are those with whom they concentrated their efforts.

This discipleship training is not just an addition to their ministry. For the Cannatas it is one more pathway in their personal journey of faith. "We realize," Mrs. Cannata says, "that we can't take people to a place we have not been ourselves."



Union Has Convalescent Congregation

The picture at left shows James Pugh greeting people who attended a worship service at the Archusa Convalescent Center in Clarke County. Pugh, pastor of Union Baptist Church in Clarke, leads services along with Don Pratt, photo at right, summer music and youth director at Union and a student at Clarke College, on a twice-weekly basis. The church was invited to lead weekly services by Mrs. Miriam

Cherry, social director for the center. She is the widow of Bob Cherry, a Meridian pastor for 27 years. Union also participates with other Baptist churches in the Clark Association in leading in Sunday services at the 120 patient center. Churches take charge a month at a time. Recently, Union church gave the center a cassette tape player with Books of the New Testament. — Tim Nicholas photos.

Mrs. Frankie Farmer has been secured as secretary for the Attala Association office, succeeding Mrs. Don Nerren. Mrs. Farmer is an active member of Unity Church, and for the past six years has worked with the Attala Regional Library.

Senior Adults Will Go To Holy Land And Chautauquas

Opportunities for senior adults to travel include a Thanksgiving Holy Land Tour, a spring cruise to the Caribbean, and six Senior Adult Chautauquas at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. These are to be sponsored by the Senior Adult ministry of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Horace L. Kerr, ministry supervisor, has announced the First National Association of Baptist Senior Adults' Holy Land Tour to Israel and Athens. It will be conducted November 16-25, 1978, with Bill Elder as Bible study leader.

The Spring Caribbean Cruise will include visits to San Juan, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten with conferences and in-depth training sessions en route.

Six Senior Adult Chautauquas at Ridgecrest and Glorieta in September and October have already reached

capacity. Mississippi will be well represented in both locations. A tour group sponsored by Kermit King, director, Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Senior Adult consultant for the state, will be going to Ridgecrest, Oct. 14-21.

For further information about all these programs, and expenses, write Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.



NASHVILLE — Under the hot glare of the television lights, Frank Pollard, host of the "At Home with the Bible" series rehearses his lines from the cue cards.

"At Home With The Bible" Will Begin Airing In October

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE — A 30-minute weekly television and radio show and a home Bible correspondence program, both sponsored by the Sunday School Board, share a common purpose of encouraging people to study the Bible.

"At Home with the Bible" which will begin airing in October on television and radio stations around the country, includes music, interviews and a Bible lesson related to the segment's topic which may range from temptations to relationships to forgiveness.

A joint production of the Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission, "At Home with the Bible" is hosted by Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss. He also is the program's Bible teacher.

"At Home with the Bible" is an effort to teach the Bible to people in a home setting, not just with the Bible lesson but also by a careful selection of music and guests who have something worthwhile to say about the importance of the Bible in their lives," said Don Fearheiley, supervisor of the Bible correspondence section and executive producer of the program.

Guests who will appear in the first 13 programs include Miss America 1975, Shirley Corcoran; Mark Luttrell, a Memphis prison warden; and Bob Dollar, a former pastor, missionary and now a director for Days Inns of America.

Music, directed by Buryl Red, is provided by five Nashville musicians, "A Joyful Sound" — Mark Blankenship, Fes Robertson, Patty Lee and Ken and Lois Holland.

Also, Myrtle Hall, a Billy Graham Crusades soloist, appears in four of the first 13 programs.

In addition to providing a Bible study opportunity in their homes, viewers of each program will be invited to write for the free Home Bible Study Guide, a monthly publication which includes Bible background material and study questions on a different topic each month.

Participants may send in their answers for grading and work toward credit on four levels — learner, apprentice, intermediate and senior. After a person has completed the senior level by having 48 units of study

graded, he is recognized as a scholar for demonstrating "his commitment as a lifelong Bible student."

Persons do not have to see "At Home with the Bible" in order to participate in the Bible correspondence program. Direct mail and other means will be used to promote the Home Bible Study Guide independently of the television program, Fearheiley said.

"However, in areas where the programs are shown, we expect to have a larger participation (in Home Bible Study)," he said.

In addition to the guide, participants will receive the Home Bible Study Report, a monthly newsletter.

"At Home with the Bible" will be broadcast on time that is purchased and on public service time on five radio and 15 television stations with cable connections of more than 1,000 stations in October.

"On all stations where time is purchased, the program will be aired at times other than when churches are having services," Fearheiley said.

Time has been bought on several stations to broadcast "At Home with the Bible" at 7:30 or 8 a.m. on Sundays.

"A station that accepts 'At Home with the Bible' for public service will have the choice of when to air it," he said.

In addition to the areas where the Sunday School Board has purchased time, Fearheiley said, arrangements can be made for a church or association to sponsor the program. Sponsorship takes place when a church or association donates to the Bible correspondence ministry the cost of the time.

Persons interested in information about sponsorship or who wish to receive the Home Bible Study Guide should write to Home Bible Study, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

Progress is seldom made without leaving somebody behind.

There are many essential oils in industry, but the best is still elbow grease.

Church Consultant Favors Multi-Purpose Buildings

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this type. First, the matter of finances. We believe a multi-purpose building is good stewardship. We use the building more than just Sunday mornings. Second, we wanted both a sanctuary and a gym. A multi-purpose building was the only way.

The architect gave the cost of an auditorium as about \$8 a square foot more than a multi-purpose building. Our building cost was about \$32 per square ft. This was a plus for us to know that we could build a lovely auditorium which also housed a gym for less money than we could build just an auditorium. We have 23,900 sq. ft. at cost of \$752,000 in the new building."

He said it takes two hours to set the chairs up on Saturday afternoons. On Sunday nights the congregation clears the auditorium in 10 minutes, members stacking chairs as they leave. The church has a fulltime activities director.

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mon, and Shipp are among a group of approved workers with churches in changing communities.

Also on the program are Sam Turner and Zeno Wells, directors of missions for churches in the Gulfcoast and Jackson Baptist Associations.

Interested persons from all denominations are welcome. For more information, contact Ray Grissell, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 354-3704.

Musicians Will Sponsor October Reading Session

The William Carey College Association of Church Musicians is sponsoring a reading session with Don Hinshaw of Hinshaw Music Inc., on Monday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m.

The reading will take place at the Fine Arts Building at Carey in Hattiesburg.

The readings include works of sacred and secular music for children's, youths and adult choirs and organ.

There is no conference fee.

viable reality. The support shown by United Gas, Mr. Hearn and Mr. Hess, and the thousands of Mississippians who have helped us already meet 95% of our goal of \$5 million for funding for the Law School for the Breakthrough Campaign, is substantial proof of the viability of the Law School. Our predecessor, The Jackson School of Law, met a real need in this area, and produced many outstanding business and governmental leaders, such as Attorney General A. F. Summer, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Buck Ross, Jackson Mayor Dale Danks, Supreme Court Associate Justice Robert Sugg, U. S. Attorney Robert Hauberg, and many more. We intend to continue to improve our programs and extend our resources to the community."

If I ever reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there: first, to meet some I had not thought to meet there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third, the greatest wonder of all, to find myself there. — John Newton

The Mission Task

Believing God

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department
As a parent, did you ever have your child demonstrate to you that he or she really did not believe? Do you remember how that hurt? My own child doesn't believe me!

Of all the things God asks his children to do, the most important to him is to believe him. More than anything else, God wants us to believe him. Jesus said, "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). All things! All things are possible! All things are possible to him that believeth! Do you believe God? How do you know?

Long ago God said to his people: "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. How? Will a man rob God? . . . ye have robbed me. Ye are cursed with a curse . . . Bring ye all the tithes into my storehouse . . . I will open you the windows of heaven . . . I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes . . . and all nations will call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:7-12).

The people were having a very difficult experience; times were hard, commodities were short, crops were slim. They really needed all they had and more. Why were they in this deplorable situation? "Ye are gone away from mine ordinances . . . ye have robbed me . . . ye are cursed . . . the windows of heaven are closed . . . the insects eat your crops and unripe fruit separates from the vines."

In this rather difficult experience God speaks to them and shows them both the cause of their difficulty and the way out. It required that they take of their slim rations and give a tenth in worship to God. They longed for better times. Should they take from their slim substance and give a tenth to God's storehouse? It was not an easy decision. It never is an easy decision for God is testing our faith, he is trying to get us to believe him, to grow as his children.

The people went to church and sang and prayed but did they really believe God? They said they loved God but did they really love him? Singing and praying at church is not the way to prove one's love for God. In the words of Paul, the way to prove love for God is through giving. "Give," said Paul, "to prove the sincerity of your love" (II Cor. 8:8).

God is saying to his people, "When you demonstrate you believe me and love me, then I will open the windows of heaven and you shall be a delightsome land."

The man who keeps back God's part of his income is demonstrating that he neither believes nor loves God. That man should expect nothing special from the Lord. He is left to the curse, to the insects and diseases of the fields.

"Why is our heavenly Father so rich and some of us are so poor?" We don't really believe God!

The glory of it all is that any day God's disobedient and disbelieving child is willing to return to God and obediently and lovingly demonstrate his return through commitment, the windows of heaven begin to open up. God keeps his word!



Preacher On Security

Ministerial students at William Carey College do a lot of different things in the process of working their way through college. B. J. Hudson, a senior, is no exception. The pastor of Memorial Church in Richton, he spends many hours each week patrolling the campus, putting up and taking down the flag, (as pictured), and trying somehow to squeeze in time for study and for a growing family.

"More and more mature men are diving into college studies in order to be more effective servants of the Lord," commented William Clawson, acting chairman of the religion department.

"This year at Carey the number of students enrolled in religion classes has notably increased."

Nicaragua Mission Work

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evacuating or leaving."

Stamps said the missionaries are safe at present and "would move only when we see the absolute necessity of it—unless we are otherwise advised."

Fighting between the guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front and the government of president Anastasio Somoza continues to rage in several cities, forcing residents to flee to different areas.

"We've had a few tense moments but nothing of serious consequence," Stamps said.

On Sat. Sept. 9 Stamps said he was scheduled to show a film "but I forgot about it and I thank the Lord for forgetfulness because gunfire broke out near the church where I was to be."

In another incident, Stamps' 15 year old daughter Rhonda, visiting another missionary couple in Managua, was unable to get to her home because of military roadblocks. Stamps could not get through roadblocks and bring his daughter home. Rhonda spent the

night with the couple in their house.

"She stayed until morning and was not disturbed about the matter" related Stamps. "But revolutionaries were shooting it out in numerous sections of town."

Church services have been on schedule except for evening events which were advanced to late afternoon so people would not be out too late.

The missionaries are "making decisions from one day to another . . . on a wait and see basis" Stamps said in a Sept. 2 letter to Bryan.

Bryan and Stamps developed a contingency plan in case evacuation became necessary. Additionally Bryan planned to ask the Foreign Mission Board at its Sept. 12 meeting in Richmond to authorize \$2,000 for emergency funds and other relief in the country.

Southern Baptists have worked in Nicaragua since Aug. 1976 when Stamps and his wife Glenna arrived to open a book store.

National CP Budget Runs Ahead Of Last Year's

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — With one month to go in the 1977-78 fiscal year, the contributions to national Cooperative Program unified budget of the Southern Baptist Convention are running 10.43 percent ahead of the same point last year.

Projections indicate contributions at the end of the fiscal year will exceed the denomination's basic and capital needs budget of \$55,000,000 by over \$2 million but fall about \$6 million short of the overall Bold Missions challenge budget of \$63,400,000.

Through the first 11 months of the

fiscal year the undesignated Cooperative Program amounts to \$52,404,369 or \$4,951,551 more than the same point last year.

"We thank God for the significant 10.43 percent increase during the first 11 months," said Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, "but we still need to be concerned about the Bold Missions advance budget. We pray that each individual and each church will respond to the Bold Missions challenge in September, the final month of the fiscal year."

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Editorials

Love Is A Factor . . .

Strong Churches From Long Pastorates

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was asked to be a surprise guest at the 20th anniversary service of Bob Hamblin at Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo. During his remarks concerning Hamblin's pastorate at Harrisburg, Kelly said that strong churches are built by long pastorates.

This sparked the writer and others around the Baptist Building to check into the long pastorates in our state. A major influence in our search was the death that same week of Herman Milner, who had been pastor of Van Winkle Baptist Church in Jackson for 34 years.

Here indeed are two strong churches, without doubt made that way because in both instances a pastor and a congregation were partners in the building of them over a long period of time.

Neither of these men were experienced, seasoned, middle-aged when they accepted these pastorates. Bob Hamblin was 30 when he went to Harrisburg. Herman Milner was 24 when he accepted the Van Winkle pastorate. Van Winkle is a church of more than 1,400 resident members. Harrisburg has more than 1,700 resident members.

Not Statistics Alone

The strength of churches cannot be completely measured by statistics alone. There is hardly any way to lay a ruler down beside love and come up with a figure. One can be sure, however, that in the case of the strong churches there is plenty of love in evidence — both within the body of the church and extending out into the community. There is also to be found a byproduct of love — compassion.

There are ways in which the

strength of the church and the compassion it has for the world can be measured to some extent. Sometimes we find these measurable indicators being manifest at an increasing ratio in the seasoned years of a long pastorate. At Van Winkle reports show that missions giving through the Cooperative Program to date this year have amounted to \$36,465. For the same period of last year the figure was \$17,621. The latter is not a puny figure, but it was more than doubled in one year.

During Milner's pastorate there were 67 people who entered full-time Christian service from Van Winkle church. Milner, incidentally, was a member of the board of trustees of Clarke College.

Hamblin is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. So far this year that church has given \$41,166 to missions through the Cooperative Program, and it is into a determined effort in Bold Mission Thrust. This church has a team of its people in some mission activity outside of Mississippi on a consistent basis.

If the counting apparatus (the writer's brain) performed correctly, there were 33 pastors before Milner's death with 20 years or more of service at one church, according to figures from the convention annual. They and the congregations are to be applauded. Three of these in what would be considered full-time pastorates had gone past 30 years. In addition to Milner they are John Barnes Jr. at Main Street in Hattiesburg and Percy Ray at Myrtle Baptist Church. Ray has the longest tenure of any pastor in Mississippi with 43 years at his church, and the pastor and people have accomplished some exceptional things

with a small membership. Cooperative Program gifts are more than 10 percent of the total income.

Barnes has been at Main Street for 34 years. This is one of the state's strong churches with more than 1,700 resident members. Barnes has been president of the Mississippi Baptist convention and has a strong missions-giving church. Thus far this year Cooperative Program gifts have amounted to \$32,000.

The three with more than 30 years leaves at least 30 with 20 years or more.

There is no wonder that Baptist work in Mississippi is so solid, that the world-wide witness of the state is greater in proportion to its Baptist population than the national average. We are seeing the effect of strong churches built over many years of a pastor and people working together. In addition to these many with 20 years in a pastorate and the few with 30 or more years, there is a good-sized group with 15 to 20 years at one church and many with 10 to 15 years. These are all having a great impact on the ministry of the churches they serve.

This treatise, of course, would not attempt to suggest that every pastor should stay at least 20 years where ever he goes. The Lord knows when He wants a pastor to move and where He wants him to go. The tenure might be long or short. This would not, by the same token, seek to establish that every long pastorate produces a strong church.

It would point out once again the statement made by Earl Kelly at the Bob Hamblin anniversary — strong churches are built by long pastorates.

When one finds a strong church, a search of its history will reveal that some time a pastor has come and

stayed a long time in building a strong foundation and then adding the superstructure in a solid growth pattern.

And love is an essential ingredient. John, in his first epistle, underscores this in Chapter 4. From verse 7 on he speaks of love specifically. He wrote, "In this is love (the sending of the Savior), not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." He added, "And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." Then the closing verses declare, "We love, because He first loved us. If some one says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar, for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, the one who loves God should love his brother also."

Foundation Stones

Love is indeed one of the foundation stones on which a strong church is built. This is love of a pastor for his people and love of the people for their pastor causing a continuing wave of love emanating from the church and moving through the community and on beyond.

How does one measure love? We don't know how. The timbers of the cross were so long, and it weighed so much — all measurable. Who can measure the love that was poured out for all the world by the Christ who died on that cross?

Only God Himself.

Love knows no bounds. Thus we cannot reach its extremities, no matter how much we give of it.

Bold Mission Thrust

An Open Letter To Mississippi Baptists

It is said that God speaks to us in the language we know best, our circumstances. What are the circumstances today related to the BOLD MISSION THRUST of Southern Baptists:

1. We have adopted the task of getting the Gospel to all the world in the next 21 years.
2. We've been asked to double the missionary force to 5,000.
3. We will have to double and then redouble Cooperative Program gifts to accomplish this.

Our circumstances also indicate that:

1. We have the organization and personnel to do this. Each church should be praying that God would call forth at least one family to serve as missionaries. Surely 13 million Baptists can put 5,000 missionaries on the field. The Cooperative Program is one of the finest plans known for moving funds toward a global ministry.
2. The funds are available. The median family income in 1975 was \$14,000 and the average family spent 6.6 percent of this on recreation and 1.3 percent on religion. Suppose Southern Baptists doubled the supporting families of our own membership. Roughly 50 percent of the families in our churches are giving little or not at all. If they were enlisted, this alone could double our mission gift. Last year our per capita giving to foreign missions was \$4.43. If this is bold giving, then perhaps we should read the story of the widow's mite again.
3. Our circumstances would indicate that harvest time is upon us; yet with all our resources, last year we had our lowest level of baptisms in 27 years. It would take 35,000 new churches, according to the Home Mission Board, for us to double our membership by 2000. We are told that we may be losing more members to other denominations than we are winning from other denominations. Other prophets declare that the blue collar worker may feel uncomfortable in some of our churches today. Our enemies would say they can hear the death rattle of a declining denomination.

This is neither a convulsion nor a dying gasp, but Southern Baptists are getting their breath for a bold thrust to evangelize the world.

4. Finally, our circumstances demand that we do something bold. What is boldness? And what would be a bold step for you — your family — your church? Perhaps you would be open to God's call to work in one of 60 vocations in a foreign country or give three months or a year to a mission church in the Northwest. God has blessed you financially — could you see yourself selling your beach cottage and giving it to missions? Check the giving record of your church. Is there any boldness there? Would you be willing to share your "giving" testimony with a non-giving Baptist? What bold step could we take as individuals that

would say to the Lord, "I mean business." Is there no widow with a precious jar of ointment among us? Is there no convert ready to restore four-fold those he has wronged?

The story is told of a young school teacher in Mississippi who was deeply touched by world missions needs. The year was 1853 and money was scarce. When the collection plate came she put in a note, reading "I give \$5 and myself, Mary I. McClellan."

Later she married James Lambuth, and soon they were on a 135-day voyage to Shanghai, China. War and famine had blighted the city and orphans and starving people were everywhere. She housed and fed them until all resources were exhausted. She confided to a friend that her \$5 was gone but "myself" is still there. A young lady in the United States heard of this and sold all her diamonds for \$1,000 and soon the McClellane school was operating in China.

If the opening statement is correct, then our circumstances are saying much to us. Add to this a biblical injunction to proclaim the gospel to all creation plus the presence of the Holy Spirit, and you have a people who will move mountains in a bold thrust.

Now, what can you do to manifest a boldness in Christian giving? Pray that we will take advantage of our opportunity and be a dedicated people.

2. Ask yourself, "Am I willing to serve as a missionary in my community or another area which does not have a church? Is there a place overseas where I could serve?" Be prepared for God's message to you.

3. See if you can do some bold giving. You've been tithing and God's blessings have been with you; try a double tithe. Sell something of value which you don't really need or use to its maximum.

4. Support cheerfully the ministry of your church and encourage the leaders to keep world mission opportunities before the people. Churches giving 5 percent to the Cooperative Program could increase it to 10 percent. We have churches giving 20 percent, 25 percent, even 35 percent to mission endeavors. Here is an area where a church could lead out in boldness.

We have a gnawing fear that "business as usual" will result in the usual less than spectacular results. It's an hour for "Here I Stand, so help me God." There are 100 million Americans unchurched, millions overseas who have yet to taste of the water of life. We have the resources and the means of getting it to the right place. We must not fail! Who knows but what God has brought us to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

Earl Kelly
Guy Henderson

Book Reviews

THE CHURCH THAT PRODUCED A PRESIDENT, by James and Marti Hefley; Wyden Books, trade distribution by Simon and Schuster, New York: 265 pages; \$10.95.

James Hefley is a former Southern Baptist pastor. He and his wife, Marti, are both graduates of New Orleans Seminary, and together they have written more than 30 books on religious subjects. A subtitle of this book is, "The Remarkable Spiritual Roots of Jimmy Carter."

The author's take a look at the President's religious background and then examine both the Plains, Ga., Baptist church and the attitudes of Southern Baptists generally. Southern Baptists efforts all across the nation were examined.

PELOUBET'S NOTES by Ralph Earle, 1978-1979, Sept.-Aug. (Baker, paper, 399 pp., \$4.95) A complete

teaching aid for use in all denominations using the International Sunday School Lessons. Each lesson includes daily Bible readings, a selected memory verse, lesson setting, lesson outline, a thorough verse-by-verse discussion, discussion questions, and contemporary application.

BUILDING PEOPLE by Donald L. Bubna (Tyndale, \$3.95, paper, 153 pp.) The author is pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Salem, Ore. This book recounts the successes and failures Bubna has encountered as he has attempted to build caring, sharing fellowships. He answers the oft-asked question of what Christians are supposed to be doing, anyway, with such chapters as "Let's Eat Together," "Christian hospitality in the home," "Talking Together," "Come Cry With Me," "The Church is

Meant to Grow," and "I Hear You Say You Love Me."

BROADMAN COMMENTS by Donald F. Ackland and other writers, 1978-79 (Broadman Press, paper, \$3.95, 408 pp.) A Sunday School commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons. Different weekly sections deal with studying the Bible, applying the lesson, and teaching the class. Writers other than Ackland are Sherrill Stevens, Mrs. Clair Crissey, Mrs. Cleatus Moorehead, Miss Robbie Trent, Rice Pierce, W. C. Fields, and Dan Kent.

IF I'M SO FREE — HOW COME I FEEL BOXED IN? by Dennis Guernsey (Word Books, 160 pp., \$5.95) Everyone talks about being free — free to be ourselves, free to do our own thing, free to be the kind of Christians

we feel we should be — but in our honest moments we admit to feeling boxed in. What does it mean to be really free? Guernsey explores that question in his new book. He probes the subject of freedom — to love yourself, to serve one another, to fail, to be angry, to be responsible for yourself, to be demonstrative.

HOW TO READ SLOWLY by James W. Sire (InterVarsity, \$3.95, 191 pp.) Is reading fast really reading best? This author thinks not. Reading without reflection makes reading less enjoyable, as a rule. Through practical chapters on reading fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and background material, Sire helps readers detect not only what writers say but what lies behind what they say. He closes with some counsel on how to choose what to read and when.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Sunset Of Summer

September ends summer and starts the season of foggy mornings, and nights turned suddenly cool. Leaves here and there are already turning yellow.

A September Saturday at Grenada Lake is a time to savor the silence, for the campers and picnickers have gone and now the birds and squirrels can come out to enjoy the peace and quiet. Up there, outlined against the sky, is a premature branch of trembling gold — a herald of autumn.

September means that school starts. Impatient people wait in cars behind poky school buses. Children wait on a corner, spilling over into the street. The traffic director at the Sellers Village intersection in Clinton wore bright orange gloves the first day of school, and I could see his hands three blocks down the street.

In September I like to take a sandwich at noon to Smith Park and laze in the sunshine. But it makes me sad when I look at the great live oak tree in the center of the park. It is one of the most beautiful trees I've seen anywhere, and now it is dying. Almost half the leaves are brown. Did the dry summer cause its death, I wonder, or what? I mourn the death of any tree, but I especially wish that something could be done to save this one.

W. D. and I went to Mama's house for the Labor Day weekend. Along the way, brown-eyed susans decorated the roadsides. While Mama was in her garden picking peas, her cat lay twined about a browning cornstalk, playing with the rustling leaves. Morning glories had painted clumps of weeds with vivid splashes of purple and pale blue and fuchsia. A butterfly rested briefly on a blossom.

During our lunchtime conversation, Betty asked, "How did Labor Day happen to be a holiday? When did it begin?" I didn't know, so I looked it up.

President Grover Cleveland signed the measure on June 28, 1894 that made the first Monday in September "the day known and celebrated as labor's holiday," in honor of the working man

and woman.

Before then, though, many states had already established the day as a legal public holiday. A giant parade and picnic in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882, created the enthusiasm that led to the national holiday 12 years later.

The 1882 parade was sponsored by the Central Labor Council of New York City. The New York Herald reported that there were "perhaps 10,000 in line and they were mostly young, well-dressed and wore derby hats." Thousands of spectators applauded as they passed Union Square. Afterward, the marchers met their families for a picnic at Wendell's Elm Park.

Another historic event occurred in September. On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key watched the British bombard Fort McHenry. Instead of giving in to a feeling of despair, he gave voice to his faith in God and his pride in his country, and wrote "The Star Spangled Banner."

September is football, and shelled butterbeans for the freezer from George and Zelma's garden.

September is ripe scuppernongs.

In my birthday book I have lots of names on the September list. W. D.'s sister Helen and brother Speedy were both born on Sept. 1. Among others I know who were born in September are Florence Larrimore, Mildred Tolar, Jean Hastings, Luann Brown, Joe David McWilliams, Uncle Homer, Aunt Helen, Mrs. Allen Webb, Betty Anne Bailey, and Ellen Steele who is now in Brazil.

September begins the annual associational meetings. It is the month for church records to be brought together. While I was visiting at County Line Sept. 3, the church read and adopted its annual report to the association.

"Records may be dry," writes Kermit Sharp, director of missions for Kemper and Neshoba counties, in his newsletter, "but they sure are revealing." He continues, "May I encourage the best possible record? We do want to acknowledge what the Lord has done through His people."

Senate Focuses Federal Attention On Alcoholism

WASHINGTON (BP) — Alcoholism and other alcohol-related problems will get more federal attention if a measure voted by the U.S. Senate passes the U.S. House of Representatives and receives presidential approval.

The Senate voted to establish a Commission on Alcoholism and Other Alcohol-Related Problems as a part of a health planning package (S. 2410) authorizing funds through 1981.

The commission, advocated by Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., D-N.J., was recommended by the President's Commission on Mental Health. Williams noted that the national cost of alcoholism and alcohol-related problems is nearly twice the cost of mental illness. "The economic drain (of alcoholism) amounts to \$42.5 billion annually," Williams said.

Williams also pointed out that alcohol misuse is "a significant factor" in chronic diseases, suicide, homicide, and accidents as well as in child abuse, marital violence, industrial accidents, assaults, robberies, drownings, freezes, and fires.

The commission would focus on research in the areas of unmet treatment needs of alcoholics and their families, availability and quality of services, the relationship of alcohol use to crime and family violence, and the effectiveness of prevention programs.

"It is ironic that in this society, in which alcoholism is the third greatest health menace next to cancer and heart disease, we are spending no more than \$10 million a year in research; whereas, with respect to heart disease and cancer, we are spending \$400 to \$500 million," Sen. William D.

Hathaway, D.-Me., pointed out. Hathaway is chairman of the Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of the Senate Human Resources Committee.

The Senate also adopted an amendment by Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., to give special attention to the needs of native Americans related to alcohol. "Alcoholism appears to be an increasing problem among native Americans," he said. "For example, I am aware that in the Navajo Nation, the largest group of native American Indians, the most serious social problem today is alcoholism."

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Broadmoor Projects Range From Morton To Mexico —

By Nan Grantham

MISSIONS . . . FROM WHITFIELD MILLS TO MORTON TO MEXICO . . . In these areas and others, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, experienced bold missions during the summer of 1978. The adult choir led in six mission projects and the youth choir in one other.

Most of these projects, involving dozens of people and touching hundreds more, evolved from a germ of an idea discussed at choir officers' meeting in the fall of 1977.

The philosophy of J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor, is that the Church Choir (the adult choir) should be the leader of the music program at Broadmoor. He feels that it should lead in quality of work and in support of the total church program, including outreach. Since the Church Choir has participated in festivals, in clinics, in retreats, etc., it seemed only natural when one of the officers present at an officers' meeting asked, "Should such programs be limited to the youth choirs?"

As a result, contact was made with the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and with the Home Mission Board to check into possible needs. In some cases, requests from other state papers were also investigated.

Six projects were selected which would relate directly to the Church Choir. Something was offered for every schedule — from three hours each afternoon for a week, to one afternoon each week for ten weeks, to a weekend, and even an entire week away from home.

At an officers' meeting in March, 13 of the 21 persons present committed themselves to one of the six projects. Next, the projects were presented, and choir members were asked to sign "interest" cards. Through a telethon, every choir member was contacted. About this time, with interest level high, the realization came that other church people might want to be a part of these projects.

What one organization might do well, two would surely do better! The choir joined forces with the W.M.U. and the opportunities were presented to the church. At the first interest level meeting, people listened to descrip-

tions of the projects and then met with other people sharing similar interests.

Team Captains were selected to spearhead the planning of six projects, including:

(1) assisting with a V.B.S. for migrant workers in Morton

(2) instruction and supervision of class crafts at the Golden Key Senior Citizen Activity Center

(3) adult help with a V.B.S. at Whitfield Mills

(4) assistance with a recreation program for migrant workers in Morton

(5) maintenance help and religious service at the Seamen's Center in Pascagoula

(6) projects with the Home Mission Board.

From this point on, planning went in many different directions. The music Office was the coordinating point. Each project brought its own blessings, but here are just a few that were unique in each situation.

The Morton VBS was the first project of the summer. Women literally took Bible School with them as they drove to and from Morton each day.

Several mother-daughter or mother-son teams worked effectively during those early summer days. Morton women brought the children and the freshments each day out to the mission building near Roosevelt State Park. Top attendance was 49 on one of those

days. The women brought the children to Jackson to the Zoo on the last day of the school.

The second project was a continuing one throughout the summer. Several women helped the senior adults at the Golden Key Activity Center make brick bookends, fabric flowers and flower arrangements, baskets, pot holders and hand towels. Bible study classes were a forerunner to these sessions, and craft classes at other centers have been a result.

Adult assistance at Whitfield Mills was another VBS project. With this being a local project, some of Broadmoor's men were even able to schedule an hour or so away from the office to be of assistance.

Perhaps the greatest variety in ministering came at Pascagoula. Here, the group of 17 single adults and married couples making the trip did everything from defrosting refrigerators to waxing floors to organizing a tract and Scripture library to leading a worship service in a park.

The recreation project in Morton did not materialize, due to a scheduling conflict, but both G.A.'s and R.A.'s and their leaders were ready to meet this need. And, although not a direct result of the contact with the Home Mission Board, a group of six adults spent a week in New Jersey, working with a church that Broadmoor helps support.

"What good has come from these projects?" "Why go miles away when there's so much to be done here?" Perhaps the best answers to these questions are quotes from those who were there . . . "I took my children and it was good for them to see how other children less fortunate than they love to do the same things," "everything we did seemed new and exciting to the children and the workers," "the blessings far outweigh the tiredness," "I could see growth in the involvement and participation of the children."

Quoting those where they have been . . . "Words cannot express our appreciation," "We appreciate a big church being willing to help others around them," "Thank you for showing your concern for mission work."

People who had not worked together on projects before suddenly found themselves working together because organizations joined forces to reach a common goal. "It doesn't matter who gets the credit, as long as the job gets done" was the philosophy stated at the end of the summer.

And about those young people . . . those who have all the opportunities for music/mission work and got our adults to thinking . . . read the article next week about the youth concerts in Mexico.



The hourglass advises, Don't lie about your age; don't even try to hide it, according to John Warren Steen, Jr., author of the new book, ENLARGE YOUR WORLD. Steen says that people ought to tell their ages—neither lie about them nor hide them — because they get a chance to show how long God has been blessing them. One of the author's favorite verses is Psalm 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Sunday School Board Photo by Doug Brachey)

Author-Editor Honored In Weekend Festivities

Mississippi-born writer and editor, John Warren Steen, Jr., returned to the Magnolia State for the presentation of his brand new book, *Enlarge Your World*. The official copy of the Broadmoor Press book was handed to him at a morning service of First Church, Jackson, by the pastor, Frank Pollard.

Weekend festivities for the author included an autograph party at the Baptist Bookstore that progressed to the Lifeway Store and then on to the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. Steen was a guest on the TV talk show, "Coffee with Judy," over WLBT, Channel 3.

Steen said it was appropriate for him to receive the new book in his home church. "Here in this place, people were patient with me during long meetings when I squirmed in the balcony as a tiny child. Later these same people taught me in Sunday School and

guided me in Training Union." Three significant events in his life took place there; his baptism, his ordination, and his marriage. The author added, "From active, involved senior adults in this church fellowship, I have received some of the insights that I want to pass along to others through the book, *Enlarge Your World*."

He also tells the reader how to write to a Congressman, how to get more involved in health and recreation, how to criticize TV meaningfully, and how to volunteer for the Mission Service Corps.

Steen, who once served as editor of the school paper at Jackson's Bailey Junior High School, the Bailey Bugle, is now editor of the fast-growing monthly magazine for senior adults, *Mature Living*, published by the Sunday School Board. He is married to the former Dorothy Jean Lipham, also of Jackson. They have three grown children.

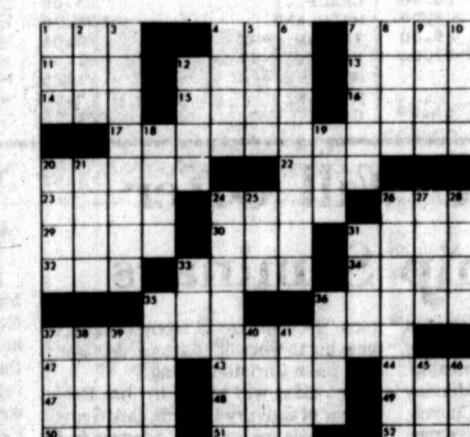
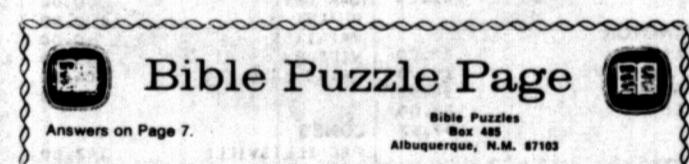
Olander Will Preach At Providence Homecoming

Joe Olander, retired pastor, will bring the morning and afternoon messages at Providence Church, Yazoo County, on homecoming day Sept. 24.

Sunday school will begin at 10 and morning worship at 11. Dinner will be served on the ground; the afternoon message will be delivered at 1:30 p.m.

Sixty-three years ago, the fourth Sunday in September (1915), Providence Church called Olander as its pastor. Robert I. Martin is the present pastor.

Olander says, "It is very gratifying to me to know that this little church has been in the Top Ten in giving through the Cooperative Program the past two years, 1976 and 1977. The pastor is one of God's faithful servants."



ACROSS

- 1 Choose
4 Their Serene Highnesses: abbr.
7 "Now I — to God" (2 Cor. 13)
11 O.T. book: abbr.
12 "with her —" (Isa. 34)
13 Hawk's leash
14 Nigerian city
15 Wild ox
16 A Brazilian people
17 "— to his name" (Psa. 68)
20 Becomes apparent
22 A lion's whelp (Deut. 33:22)
23 Galans
24 Man (1 Sam. 1:1)

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: F equals D

Excuses Hold No Water With Faithful Minnie

IRONTOWN, Mo. (BP) — Minnie Cook can't understand weak excuses for missing Sunday School.

The 83-year-old nursing home resident in Irontown, Mo., has not missed a Sunday in 60 years. At last count, Miss Cook, a Baptist, had attended more than 3,120 consecutive Sundays and was still going strong.

It has not always been easy to make it, and Miss Cook recalls two incidents which made attendance particularly difficult.

One involved bad snow in the 1920s.

"We lived a quarter-mile from the

church," she said. One Saturday night it came a deep snow with high drifts. On the way to church, we got stuck on the drifts so I went back to the house and got a carpet. We put it across the drifts so we could climb over them."

The other incident arose when it became necessary for her to have surgery.

"I asked the doctor if I couldn't have surgery early on Monday morning," she related, "so I could go to Sunday School that Sunday and hopefully be well enough to go to the following Sunday. He agreed, and I made it both Sundays."

Heinz Rejects Some Varieties

PITTSBURGH (RNS) — H. J. Heinz, which provides 57 varieties of foods, has adopted a policy which prohibits spending any of its \$10 million for advertising on television programs which include:

"—Gratuitous recourse to violence and sex."
"—Overly graphic displays of brutality and suffering."
"—The acting out of anti-social behavior that easily stimulates imitation."
"—Gratuitous portrayal of drug use and other anti-social behavior."

James Tadlock of Broadmoor, Jackson, repairs chair at Seamen's Center, Gulfport.



Mission group from Broadmoor, Jackson, visits ship while operating Seamen's Center, Gulfport.

Concert Draws Big Crowd, By Accident

DALEVILLE, Ind. (BP) — All proper preparation and announcements had been made, but the Ball State University Baptist Student Union choir still had virtually no audience when it stood to sing at an open air concert.

"The New Liberations" decided to sing anyway. Halfway through their first number, tires screeched and the loud thud of metal on metal jarred the group. They continued to sing.

The choir sang and most of the people stayed to hear the concert. The choir director later quipped, "Well, at least you can say most of our crowd came tonight by accident."

Woman's Missionary Union Special Day Gifts Reach \$32,572.96

January 1, 1978 through August 31, 1978, 474 Churches Participating

ADAMS		PROVIDENCE	74.00	PINE GRV	30.00	MT ZION	70.50	HARMONY	25.00	PAYNES	27.50
FBC NATCHEZ	96.61	ROXIE	17.00	WILDWOOD	43.00	NEW PROSPECT	15.00	JUNIPER GRV	56.00	TATE	369.50
WASHINGTON	11.00		147.00		688.75	PLEASANT GRV	52.00	PINE GRV	25.00	ARKABUTLA	177.50
	107.61					UNION HALL	33.00	SPRING HILL	33.00	EVANSVILLE	41.00
ALCORN		GEORGE	141.25	KEMPER	46.00		779.73	UNION	20.00	MT ZION	30.00
DANVILLE	30.00	FBC LUCEDALE	51.00	DEKALS	46.00	LOWNDES		UNITY	100.00	NEW GARDEN	15.00
FBC CORINTH	159.00	ROCKY CRK	369.00	LAFAYETTE		ARTESIA	12.00	PERRY	537.30	STRAYHORN	165.25
HINKLE	150.00	SHADY GRV	561.25	ABBEVILLE	77.04	EASTEND	50.61	BREWER			426.75
HOLLY	19.40			CLEAR CRK	128.32	FAIRVIEW	116.50	FBC NEW AUGUSTA	56.93	TIPPAH	
OAKLAND	10.00	GREEN	10.00	NEW ELBETHEL	5.00	HT ZION	65.00		106.93	CHALYBEATE	50.50
RIENZI	30.00	CEDAR GRV	74.00	NEW PROSPECT	44.50	NEW SALEM	35.00			FALKNER	68.00
W CORINTH	55.00	FBC LEAKESVILLE	33.55	PHILADELPHIA	92.40		279.11			FELLOWSHIP	13.00
	493.40	FBC MCCLAIN	117.55	YELLOW LEAF	140.00	MARION				LOWREY HEN	145.00
ATTALA					487.26	BUNKER HILL	60.00			OAKLAND	10.00
CARSON RIDGE	14.84	GRENADA	49.50	LAMAR		E COLUMBIA	58.00				286.50
FBC KOSCUISKO	104.00	FBC GRENADA		CAUSEYVILLE	50.00	EMMANUEL	13.00			TISHOMINGO	
MCADAMS	35.00	HARDY	20.00	FBC LUMBERTON	105.00	FBC COLUMBIA	573.50			FBC BURNSVILLE	7.00
MCCOOL	22.75	HEBRON	23.68	FBC PURVIS	112.50	FOXWORTH	25.00			NEW PROSPECT	47.25
PARKWAY	12.00		93.18	ORAL	50.00	GOSS	36.00			PADEN	43.00
SALLIS	25.00				347.50	HURRICAN CRK	85.00			SHADY GRV	7.95
SPRINGDALE	34.00	GULF COAST				IMPROVE	75.00				105.20
UNITY	18.00	BEL AIRE	31.00			NEW HOPE	50.00				
YOKANOOKEY	25.00	BIG LEVEL	74.19				975.50				
	290.59	E HOWARD	11.00								
BENTON		FBC GULFPORT	235.75								
ASHLAND	25.00	FBC LONG BEACH	16.00								
	25.00	HANDSBORO	36.00								
		NEW HOPE	22.19								
		WOOLMARKET	50.00								
BOLIVAR			476.13								
BENOIT BAPT CH	25.00										
CHINESE	33.00	HINDS-MADISON	120.00								
DUNCAN	107.00	ALTA WOODS	9.71								
FBC CLEVELAND	328.05	BAPT FOUNDATION	9.71								
FBC ROSEDALE	57.50	BROADMOOR	96.50								
MORRISON CPL	10.00	BYRAM	21.00								
SKENE	57.65	CALVARY JACKSON	45.00								
	618.20	CENTER TERRACE	55.96								
CALHOUN		COLONIAL HGTS	43.00								
BANNER	25.00	DANIEL HEN	100.00								
BETHANY	53.00	FBC CANTON	134.50								
FBC BRUCE	68.00	FBC CLINTON	299.00								
FBC CALHOUN CITY	56.00	FBC JACKSON	1,814.42								
FBC YARDAMAN	11.00	FBC TERRY	35.00								
NEW LIBERTY	20.00	FLORA	77.25								
ROCKY BR	23.64	LEARNED	90.00								
SHILOH	56.00	HORRISON HGTS	631.40								
	312.64	NORTHWEST HILLS	74.00								
CARROLL		OAK FOREST	75.00								
CARROLLTON	75.00	RIDGECREST	370.02								
HARMONY	5.00	SALEM	53.00								
MT OLIVE	11.58	UTICA	160.10								
N CARROLLTON	65.00	W JACKSON	68.13								
VAIDEN	56.00	WOODLAND HILLS	28.00								
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CHICKASAW		HOLMES									
FBC HOUSTON	40.00	CALVARY DURANT	20.00								
PLEASANT RIDGE	66.15	EBENEZER	25.00								
SHILOH	5.00	FBC DURANT	74.00								
VAN VLEET	50.00	FBC LEXINGTON	70.45								
	161.15	FBC TCHULA	100.00								
CHOCTAW		PICKENS	102.50								
ACKERMAN	152.00		391.95								
HOPEWELL	15.00	HUMPHREY									
MT MORIAH	122.94	FBC BELZONI	190.43								
MT PISGAH	19.00	SILVER CITY	69.44								
WEIR	31.00		259.87								
	339.94										
CLARKE		ITAWAMBA									
DE SOTO	40.00	LAKELAND	6.00								
ENTERPRISE			6.00								
FBC QUITMAN	133.80	JACKSON									
PACHUTA	154.00	E MOSS POINT	54.00								
PINE GRV	25.00	FBC MOSS POINT	84.75								
PINE HILL	15.00	FBC PASCAGOULA	157.45								
SHUBUTA	32.00	GRIFIN ST	33.00								
SOUENLOVIE	19.00	WADE	35.47								
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CLAY		JASPER									
CALVARY	43.00	BAY SPGS	125.00								
FBC WEST POINT	199.00	BETHANY	16.00								
PINE BLUFF	10.00	FELLOWSHIP	70.00								
SILOAM	38.00	HEIDELBERG	50.00								
	290.00	LAKE COMO	56.00								
COPIAH		MONTROSE	25.00								
FBC CRYSTAL SPGS	187.00	NEW FELLOWSHIP	50.00								
FBC HAZELHURST	94.50		392.00								
PINE BLUFF	8.75	LEE									
SPRING HILL	30.00	CALVARY	17.00								
STRONG HOPE	24.00	IMMANUEL	60.50								
MESSON	37.00	MORGAN CITY	10.00								
	381.25	SCHLATER	37.00								
COVINGTON		SIDON	24.00								
COLLINS	25.00	PHALTI	100.00								

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Sarah (Mrs. Steve) Pough of Aberdeen has written "History of Woman's Missionary Union, 1845-1978, First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Mississippi." The booklet has been published by the church as a centennial project of its WMU organizations.

Donald Pounds, member of Locust Street Church, McComb, was licensed by that church on Aug. 20

to preach the gospel. He is active in BSU at Southwest Junior College, where he is a student. Pounds is available for supply preaching. He may be contacted at Route 1, Box 126, McComb, Miss. 39648 (phone 684-4407).

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Sonny Saxon, of the Wade Church, is available for preaching supply opportunities. He can be reached at 588-6864.

Donnie Guy pastor of the Wade Church, began a thirty-minute radio program on September 3, over station WGUD. The day and hour is each Sunday from 8 to 8:30 a.m.

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